Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising the steps of:

    connecting a first application with a first database and a second database;

    connecting an interface module to the first database and the second database;

    connecting a second application to the interface module; and

    translating data formats from the second application and the first database and the second database within the interface module to allow data to be processed without a local database for the second application.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within a data center.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the interface module resides in the data center.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module is integrated into the second application software.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module resides on a separate server.

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7.   A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of
        instructions executable by the machine to perform a method, the method
        comprising the steps of:

        connecting a first application with a first database and a second
        database;

        connecting an interface module to the first database and the second
        database;

        connecting the second application to the interface module; and

        translating data formats from the second application and the first
        database and the second database within the interface module to
        allow data to be processed without a local database for the second
        application.

8.   The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module
        resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.

9.   The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the first application is
        run with the first database and the second database within a data center.

10.   The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the interface module
        resides in the data center.

11.   The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module is
        integrated into the second application software.

12.   The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module
        resides on a separate server.

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13.   A system comprising:

a first application being connected to a first database and a second database;

a second application; and

an interface being connected to the first database by a first connection, the second database by a second connection, and the second application by a third connection, the interface translating data formats from the first database, the second database, and the second application so that data from the second unit may be processed without a local database for the second unit.

14.   The system of claim 13, wherein the first application is run in a data center.

15.   The system of claim 13, wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within the data center.

16.   The system of claim 13, wherein the second application resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.

17.   The system of claim 13, wherein the interface resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.

18.   The system of claim 14, wherein the interface resides in the data center.

19.   The system of claim 13, wherein the interface is integrated into the second application software.

20.   The system of claim 13, wherein the interface resides on a separate server.

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